

# आराधना



### A Publication of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Devdham of North America™

Ashwin/Kartik Vikram Samvat, 2072 October, 2015



Navratri & Vijayadashmi Oct. 13th to Oct. 25th



http://www.cincinnatitemple.com Email: hindusociety@fuse.net Phone: (513) 528-3714

### For the First time Celebrate Ravan Dahan-Battle of Good over Evil



Sri Laxmi Srivastava 378.5476 / Hindu Temple 528.3714 / Sri Deepak Dixit 348.5496

#### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2015**

President: Deepak Dixit: 513-348-5496

dixitnoh@gmail.com

Vice President: Sudhakar Vinod: 513-573-0305

vinodemail@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Murali Muraleetharan: 513-573-0550

mmuraleetharan@Cinci.rr.com

Treasurer: Amar Sharma: 513-777-5771

ushaamar@aol.com

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Puja Committee: Sangita Patel: 513-791-0855:pts27@aol.com Communications/Website/Editor: Usha Aggawral:513-252-1040

usha.wc@gmail.com

Membership/Fundraising: Renu Kotwal: 513-260-7388

renukotwal@hotmail.com

PropertyManagement/Maintenance: Bhavin patel: 513-257-8657: bhanisha777@hotmail.com

Cultural Activities: Kamini Jain:513-769-7964

kaminijain@yahoo.com

Religious Education & Youth: Shantala Gangatirkar:513– 443-6077 gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com

Long Range Planning: Chair- Laxmi Srivastava: 513-474-0533

Co-Chair- Indira Murthy

#### **PRIESTS**

Chief Priest: Acharya Kailash Sharma: 513-652-5382

acharyaksharma@yahoo.com

Priest: Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma: 513-528-0901

achayachakreshwar@yahoo.com

Priest: Pandit Srinath Bhattar: 513-488-2986

bhattarsrinath@yahoo.com

#### **RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR**

Dr. Koti Sreekrishna: 513-290-3064:tatachar@aol.com

#### **TEMPLE SCHEDULE**

Monday-Friday: 9.00 AM-12.00 Noon & 5.00 PM-8.00 PM

Saturday & Major Hindu Holidays (Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deepawali) 9.00 AM– 8PM

Sunday: 9.00 AM- 7.00 PM (NOV.-MAR), 9AM-8PM (APR-OCT)

#### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS**

9.15 - 9.30 AM: Suprabhatam

9.30 - 11.00 AM Daily Puja of Temple Dieties

11.00-11.30 AM Sponsored Puja

11.30-12.15 PM Bhajans

12.15-12.45 PM Religious Discourse

12.45-1.00 PM Birthdays, Anniversary Pujas

& Announcements

1.00 PM Aarti & Prasad

#### **RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE**

Sundays: 12.15-12.45 PM Fourth Sunday: Upnishads

Second Sunday: 1008 Gayatri Jaap & Children Program

Third Sunday: Sunder Kand Path

Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday: Jagannath Puja

## 2015 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

Sangita Patel (Chair) Swarna Choudhury (Co-Chair) Kiran Dayal (Co-Chair) Rani Dhamija Archarya Kailash Sharma Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma Pandit Srinath Bhattar Meena Sondhi Meena Karamchandani Kalpana Srivastava Vasundhara Dasari Suchitra Mishra Rajan Odavar Vilas Patel Triveni Dave Mangal Nemade Purabi Dey	513-474-4051 513-984-5777 513-770-0705
Purabi Dey Yasotha Subarajan	
	· <del>-</del>

#### **Treasurer Co-Chair**

Meena Karamchandani 513-259-4015 Raj Badolia 513-754-0400

### Temple Manager's Committees

Manager: Laxmi Srivastava 513-474-0533

Chair Special Activities:

Raj Badolia 513-583-0184

Office Manager: Mohan Chopra

I/C Swami Lectures: Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta,

Koti Srikrishna

Temple Datbase: Nandkumar Khemchandani,

Raj Badolia, Meena Mehta

**Anniversary &** 

Birthdays Data: Raj Agarwal, Shakuntala Agarwal E-Mail Data: Pradeep Goyal, Nandkumar Khemchandani

Gift Shop: Meena Sondhi, Madhu Sharma Security:(ADT): Meena Mehta, Vinay Kumar, Ramesh Sondhi, Kailash Sharma

Financial Data: Amar Sharma, Raj Badolia,

Laxmi Srivastava

**Project Manager**: Vithal Nemade

/C Temple Website: Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,

Sudhakar Vinod,

I/C Temple Calender: Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta, Acharya Kailash Sharma

Volunteer Services: Rajan Odayar, Kedarnath Nambori,

Dilip Patel, Vijay Kumar Sharma

Temple Photographer: L. Ram Kumar, Naba Mishra,

V G Ramaswamy , Mardav Bhakshi

Mela Committee: Anil Jindal, Anisha Jindal, Jyoti Desai,

Raneshwar Gupta

Attorney: Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 513-241-0400

Members of Community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, selfpreservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please contact Kiran Dayal

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devta puja, graduation and other memeorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name & phone number on the calender at the temple & calling Puja Committee members Kiran Dayal/ Meena Sondhi

Please donate generously. Your temple needs: SPONSORS FOR FLOWERS \$ 50/WEEK, SUNDAY PUJAS, AND YOUR SUPPORT

### **Puja Information**

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES			
SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE	
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	_	
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Ashta Prakari Puja*	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	_	
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Ground Breaking Ceremony	_	\$151.00	
Griha Pravesh		\$151.00	
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/Sita	1) \$121.00		
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Navagraha Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00	
Baby Shower Puja	_	\$151.00	
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00		
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00		
(Only During Off Winter Season)			
Regular Archana	\$11.00	_	
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00		
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00	
Akhand Ramayan Paath	_	\$151.00	
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb	.) \$101.00	\$151.00	
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00		
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00		
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00		
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/	\$151.00	\$251.00	
Thread Ceremony			
Vahan Puja	\$51.00		
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00	

<u>Temple Re</u>	emple Rental: Lower Floor Only		
	Full day	Half day	
Monday -Thursday	\$401	\$225	

(except holidays) Friday, Saturday,

Sunday & Holidays \$601 \$401

Sunday after 3PM –11 pm only \$401

**Note:** For half day select one of the two:

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 3:00PM to 11:00 PM

USE OF KITCHEN \$ 51
Use of Paper Supplies (PS) \$ 101
Use of Kitchen and PS \$125

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/Pujas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$200 required.

This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Puja please contact

Puja Committee: Sangita Patel 513-791-0855 or

to rent a temple hall (lower level ) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

### **Puja Committee Announcement:**

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Sangita Patel 513-791-0855, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

1.

- **1 Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Outside Pujas and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
- 2. To **schedule any Pujas** please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
- 3. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Puja Committee chairperson.
- 4. **Cancellations** of Puja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the Puja will be charged.

#### SPECIAL PUJA RATE

Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.

- 1. Pujas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed.
- 2. 50 Cents/Miles for Travel expense to the Priest to perform Puja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. <u>Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside</u> Puja within greater Cincinnati area.

#### **CHECK-OUT**

http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html

### **PUJA SAMAGRI**

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Puja Samagri for all inside and outside Pujas.

Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows

\$ 21 for any Puja

\$ 31 for any Puja including Havan/Homam

For more details please contact

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDERKAND CD (sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)

AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **§ 10**. The money raised will go to temple.

### Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

### **Monthly Navgrah Puja**

Every first Saturday of the Month Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00 For Details call

Sangita Patel 791-0855 ; Temple priests: 528-3714

#### Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

Every second Sat of the Month Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Pandit Bhattar 488-2986.

Murali Annamali 827-5450, Yasotha Subarajan 754-0578 Priests : 529-3714; Sangita Patel 791-0855



#### **Monthly Satya Narayan Puja**

On Every Purnima of the Month 6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00 To sponsor Puja call Sangita Patel 791-0855 Temple priests: 528-3714

#### Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10:30AM

This Puja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & To Sponsor the Puja please call

Jyoti Divekar 204-8037, Mangal Nemade 234-8373

Sangita Patel 791-0855; Temple Priests:528-3714

#### SAI BHAJAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm For more details please call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500 , Rajan 331-2058.





## Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

4th Saturday of each month, from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda:481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353 Suseela Paturi:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733 Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:488-2986

#### 1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Sangita Patel 791-0855



#### **Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram**

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



#### **Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path**

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Sangita Patel 791-0855 or Temple Priests 528-3714

#### **Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana**

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting. Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

#### **Weekly Venkateswar Puja**

Every Friday at 6:30pm
To sponsor Puja please call Sangita Patel 791-0855
Temple priests: 528-3714

#### **PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN**



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month 6pm to 7:30pm details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763

# Karwa Chauth Puja Oct 30th Sat. 4pm, 5pm and 6pm (three sessions)

Karwa Chauth (करवा चौथ) is celebrated by the married women of North India. It usually fall nine days before Diwali. The festival marks an auspicious fast observed by married women for long life, well being and prosperity of their husband and family The women strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down for the fast & refrain from food and water for one complete day.

For details please call Temple 513-528-3714, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382



$\mathbf{O}$	cto	ber	20	15
			ZU	

Oct	3rd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship\$51	
Oct	3rd	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm	
Oct	6th	Tue	Matri Navami	
Oct	7th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam 6pm	
Oct	10th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101 Please note -scheduled changed from Temple calendar 24th to 10th	
Oct	11th	Sun	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am	
Oct.	12th	Mon	Group Sharaddha 6pm	
Oct	13th	Tues	Navratri Kalash Sthapana 5:30pm	
Oct.	17th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Sponsored by Jindal family	
Oct.	18th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am	
Oct.	18th	Sun	Saraswati Puja 4pm	
Oct.	20th	Tue	Durga Ashtami Havan 6pm	
Oct	22nd	Thurs	Vijaya Dashmi Havan 6:00pm	
Oct.	24th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Phoolangi Seva 10am Sponsorship \$51	
Oct.	24th	Sat	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm sponsored by - Mata Devotees	
Oct.	25th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharva Shirsha Path 11am	
Oct.	27th	Tue	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers, fruits and Prasad	
Oct.	30th	Fri	Karwa Couth Puja 4pm 5pm 6pm	

### November 2015

Nov	1st	Sun	Bijoya (Vijaya Dashmi) Celebration 11am Sponsorored by- Agrani
Nov	7th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship\$51
Nov	7th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Nov	8th	Sun	Sunderkand path 10:30am
Nov.	8th	Sun	Dhanvantari Puja 4pm
Nov	9th	Mon	Dhan Teras
Nov.	11th	Wed	Deepawali MahaLaxmi Puja 6:30pm Temple Hours 9am to 9pm
Nov	12th	Thurs	New year Gujrat
Nov	13th	Fri	Bhai Dooj (Yama Dwitiya)
Nov	14th	Sat	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101
Nov	14th	Sat	Diwali Celebration
Nov	14th	Sat	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Nov	15th	Sat	Chitragupta Puja 11am Sponsored by -Chitragupt parivaar
Nov.	18th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam 6pm
Nov	21st	Sat.	Murugun Thiru Kalyanam Utasava 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101
Nov	22nd	Sun	Govardhan Puja/ Annakoot/Tulsi Vivah Celebration 10am to 1pm Sponsored by Srinathji Devotees
Nov	25th	Wed	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers, fruits and Prasad
Nov	25th	Wed	Karthigai Deepam 5:30pm
Nov	28th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am \$51
Nov	29th	Sun	Jagannnath Puja 10am
Nov	29th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atarvashirsh Path 11am
Nov	29th	Sun	Chaturthi Puja 6pm

### Mela 2015

The temple's annual Mela was held on Saturday,, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The event was a spectacular success. We had thousands of people visit the Mela and the attendance to this annual event is increasing every year. In spite of bad weather, we saw a significant increase in the attendance.

The Mela consists of two main components. One is the Taste of India. It is the traditional fair and carnival that celebrates Indian food from various regions of India, various stalls selling Indian dresses, artifacts, paintings, statues etc. as well as stalls showcasing unique and innovative items. The other major component is called Naach-Sitare, a dance competition. This event has now grown into a premier Indian dance competition in the tristate area. This year, we had over 50 entries. Both Taste of India and Naach-Sitare have grown by leaps and bounds in last 3-4 years.

Last but not least, this event provides us a unique opportunity to educate the non-Indian visitors about the Hindu religion. We conducted tour of the temple every hour during the Mela. All visitors were truly impressed by the temple and many said that this was a wonderful opportunity to them to get to know the Hindu religion better. Finally, the event ended with a spectacular show of fireworks by Rozzi Fireworks, a show sponsored by Mercedes Bens of Cincinnati.

This event was a huge success because of the tireless work by dedicated volunteers. First and foremost, the Jindal family, specifically the father and daughter duo Anil and Anisha Jindal, were instrumental in planning and executing the Mela. Kamini Jain, the cultural secretary of HSGC, was the main organizer of the Naach-Sitare event. Khush Karamchandani and our priests, Acharya Kailash Sharma, Srinivas Bhattar, and Chakreshwar Sharma conducted the temple tours. All members of the executive committee and many other dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly towards the success of this event. Congratulations and huge thanks to all these people!

Lastly, thanks to all the advertisers and the sponsors as well as the people visiting the Mela. We had a great event, as we have been having for so many years, and we are confident to take it to new heights in coming years!

Deepak Dixit - President



# 2015 GANDHI FOOD DRIVE; 28th year Appeal for your Support

**Dear Members of the Indian Community:** 

It is time once again time to launch our annual Gandhi Food Drive (GFD) and collect funds for the poor and needy people in the Tri-State area. You are requested to contribute generously toward this noble cause. Last year with your generous financial support, we had collected about \$9400. The money collected is handed over to <a href="Free store Foodbank">Free store Foodbank</a>, the tri-state's largest provider of emergency food to poor people in several counties in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Since family commitments will keep me out of town for part of September and October, I have requested one of our volunteers, Asit Saha, to coordinate the food drive this year during these two months. Asit is well known in the local Indian community. He has successfully led several projects of HSGC and has served on its Executive Council. Please send your contributions to his address shown below\*\*.

Sincerely, Vinay Kumar Asit Saha; Coordinator; Tel. 513-702-1050

#### **Team of volunteers:**

Saroj Ahuja 513-941-7383; Prem Garg 513-232-5333; Geeta Mehan 513-754-0400; Dr. Amit Shukla 513-255-4268; Rohini Venkatesh 513-984-2613; Vinay Kumar 513-528-6189

You can make your contribution in either of two ways: CHECK (or CASH)

\*\*Make your check payable to Freestore Foodbank and mail it to Asit Saha:

11186 Huntwicke Place, Blue Ash, OH 45241

**UNITED WAY Program (employer sponsored):** 

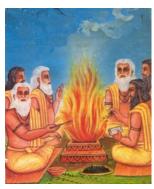
Get the United Way "2015 Pledge Form" from your employer and designate your donation to FreeStore Foodbank.

### Need for more volunteers:

<u>need for more volunteers:</u>			
teers, please contact Asit Saha by phor	ne (513-702-1050)	<u>-</u>	1-
	E FOR THE 2	2015 GANDHI FOOD DRIVE neck to <u>Asit Saha;</u> (see address above	<b>e)</b>
Check one: □\$30 □\$50 □\$100	□\$150 □\$200	☐ Other \$	
		E-mail	
Address			

### **ASHTAMI CHANDI HAVAN**

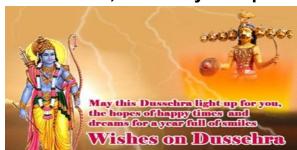
Oct. 20th Tuesday . 6pm



Sponsorship: \$51.00

### VIJAYA DASHMI PUJA /HAVAN

Oct 22nd, Thursday 6:00pm



Sponsorship: \$51.00

### MATA KI CHOUKI

Oct 24th Saturday 4pm to 8pm



4pm Devi Durga Puja
5pm First aarti
5:15 Mata Bhajans /Bheten
8 pm BHOG, AARTI, Prasad & Dinner
Sponsored by- Mata Devotees

### SHRI CHITRAGUPT PUJA Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11am to 1pm



### Kartik Somvaar Shivbhishek



Every Monday during Kartik month Nov. 16th, Nov.23rd, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th

6:30pm Shivabhishek 7:00pm Shiv Mahimnah Stotra 7:30om Aarti Sponsorship \$101 Event is sponsored by – Chitragupt Pariwaar.

For details please call Temple 513-528-3714, Kalpana Srivastava 513-233-9184, Kiran Dayal 474-4051 and Sangita Patel 791-0855 513 886 5817 Listhout Crises
Cincinnat Sister City.org Namey FRANCE
Munich SERMA Cindinati, Ohio 45219 Mysare INDW

Munich BERMANY

GIGH JAPAN New Taipel City TAIWAN REARRY DRESAME Harane ZIVB\*BWE

Amman JORDAN

#### Cincinnati-India Sister City hosts

### First Annual Cincinnati Yoga Day

Sunday, October 4, 2015, 10:00 am - 1 pm Cincinnati Convention Center, Ballroom B

#### FREE EVENT Participants of all ages are welcome

Please join us to celebrate the First Annual Yoga Day in Cincinnati on October 4th at the Cincinnati Convention Center. The first introduction of the ancient art of Yoga to the modern world was in Mysore, Cincinnati's Sister City in India.

The Yoga Day event is primarily to raise awareness of the many benefits of yoga and bring the entire yoga community together who is working towards the common goal of enhancing quality of life among Cincinnatians. At this event we will honor "The First Lady of Yoga"- Cincinnatian Lilias Folan. Lilias introduced yoga to American television viewers in 1972 with her PBS series, "Lilias! Yoga and You" at the WCET studio. Mayor Cranley will proclaim first Sunday in October as Cincinnati Yoga Day.

We invite all yoga teachers, yoga studios & wellness centers to have a display table with your promotional materials for \$75 during the main event. If you are interested in having a display table at the event please reserve your spot by filling the online form at: https://cincinnatiyogaday.wufoo.com/forms/rl4k5451wxnz2l/

We are looking forward to see you on Oct 4th. Any questions email at pooja@yogawithpooja.com

#### Schedule of Events

10:15 Welcome	11:35 - 1:00
10:20 About India Sister City	
10:30 Cincinnati Yoga Day Proclamation	<ul> <li>Attend Free Yoga Sessions</li> </ul>
10:50 Introduce & Honor Lilias	<ul> <li>Browse through different information table</li> </ul>
11:10 Speech by Lilias	Learn about Health & Wellness
11:30 Vote of Thanks	Speak to the experts on topics

Ratee Apana President, Cincinnati USA Sister City Association 513-886-5817

Pat Niskode President, India Sister City 51-658-6688

Pooja Malhotra Program Chair, India Sister City 513-290-9635

### Hindu Religious Education Classes for Children at HSGC

### By Shantala Gangatirkar and Koti Sreekrishna

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM For age group 5 to 12 years Class will include:

> Yoga for Children Sanskrit Shloak Chanting Fun Stories related to religion

**Questions and Answers** Understanding and Bringing religion in daily life.

For registration please contact: Shantala Gangatirkar

at Gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com

OR 513-443-6077.

### **NAVRATRI POOJA**

Oct . 13th to Oct. 22nd 2015



Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Tues. 6:00 pm Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja \*\*

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Sat. 4pm Mata Ki Chauki \*(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship)

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Sun. 4:00pm \*\* Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas/Vidyarambha)

6:00pm \*\*Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam weekdays 5:30pm

Oct. 20th Tues.6:00pm \*\* Chandi Havan /Ashtami Puja

Oct 22nd Thurs6pm \*\*Vijaya Dashami Puja /Havan 6:00pm

During Navratri everyday Chandi path\*\*(Durga Saptshati) 9:30 am to 11:30am Sponsorship. \*\*51.00 for each puja .\* Chunri sponsorship \$31, \$51, \$101,1001,\$2501 and above \* Please call Rani Dhamija 984-5777 to reserve your Chunri. offered Chunri will be given back to sponsor family as a blessing. For more details please call SangitaPatel 791-0855. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714.

या देवी सर्वभूतेषु शक्तिरूपेण संस्थिता । नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः।।

### **MATA KI CHOUKI**

Oct. 17th Saturday



4:00-5:00 Devi Puja, 5:30-8:00 Mata Bheten, 7:30-7:45 Kanya Puja, 8:00 Bhog Aarti. Prasad(Dinner) Chunri sponsorship \$31, \$51, \$101,1001,\$2501 and above

Please call Rani Dhamija 513-984-5777 to reserve your Chunri. offered Chunri will be given back to sponsor family as a blessing. For more details please call SangitaPatel 513-791-0855.

Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714.

Sponsored by - Jindal Family

### **HISTORY OF DUSSHERA**

One of the popular Hindu festivals, Dussehra is celebrated with pomp and gaiety. Since ages, a number of rituals are performed to please the Almighty, on the ceremonious occasion. It is the climax of the nine-day long celebrations of 'Navratris', which precede it. The festival commemorates the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana. Apart from the legend from the epic Ramayana, and the story of the triumph of Goddess Durga over Mahishasura, a vibrant history is associated with the festival. In this article, we have provided interesting information on the history of Dussehra.

History & Origin Of Dusshera

### Triumph Of Lord Rama Over Ravana

The celebration of Dussehra is rooted in the Hindu epic of Ramayana, according to which, Lord Rama, the eight incarnation of Lord Vishnu, killed the ten-headed demon Ravana, in Satyug. Ravan had abducted Rama's wife Sita. Rama, along with his brother Lakshmana, follower Hanuman and an army of monkeys, headed towards Lanka (Ravana's Kingdom) in order to enter a war with Ravana and rescue Sita. On his way to Lanka, Rama organized Chandi Pooja to seek the blessings of Ma Durga, the Goddess of power and courage. After seeking her blessings, Lord Rama defeated and killed Ravana, with the help of his fellow beings. Therefore, the day was celebrated to commemorate the victory of Rama over Ravana, which later came to be known as Vijayadashmi or Dussehra.

### Assassination Of Mahishasura By Goddess Durga

Another legend is connected to Goddess Durga. According to the story, all the Gods in swarglok and the living beings on earth were upset by the tyranny of the demon Mahishasura, because he had acquired invincible power to conquer the world. He was undefeatable, even by the mighty deities - Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva. Therefore, all the Gods decided to create a power, which would destroy Mahishasura, freed the living beings from his despotism and restore the swaglok to them. This gave rise to the creation of Goddess Durga, an avatar of Ma Shakti. With the weapons given to her by the Gods, Goddess Durga went to fight against Mahishasura. She defeated the demon, successfully, and restored the swaglok to the Gods, as promised. Her victory is celebrated as Vijayadashmi or Dusshera, by many people following Hinduism.

### Rain Of Gold Coins

According to a story, Kautsa, the young son of Devdatta (a Brahmin), was residing in the city of Paithan. After pursuing his education under the guidance of Rishi Varatantu, he wanted to offer a dakshina to his Guru. Although the guru refused initially, he later asked for 140 million gold coins. The student approached King Raghu for the coins, because he was renowned for his generosity. Within three days of the student's request, King Raghu asked the God of Wealth - Kuber - to create a rain of gold coins near the apati and shanu trees. After presenting the promised gold coins to his guru, Kautsa distributed the rest of the coins to the needy, on the day of Dussehra. Since then, people loot the leaves of apati trees and present to each other as a symbol of gold, on Dussehra.



Aradhana October, 2015 Page 12

# Deewali Maha- Laxmi Puja

Nov.11 Wednesday



6:30 pm Shri Ganesh & Maha Laxmi Puja\*
7:00 pm Archana Thali \*
8:00 pm Aarti , Prasad , Fire Crackers after Aarti

Sponsorship \*\* MAHA LAXMI PUJA \$101.00.

\* Archana \$21.00

Event Sponsors needed

For more details please call:-. Temple 513-528-3714, Sangita Patel 513-791- 0855 Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

### Diwali, the "festival of lights"

is the most important festival for Hindus around the globe. The legends behind the festival are as varied as the manner of its celebration, but common to all of them is the theme of the triumph of good over evil. Everywhere Diwali symbolizes the lifting of spiritual darkness and ushers light. In due course of time, numerous historical incidents got connected with this festival. Various legends are attributed to this festival and the reasons for celebration differ in different regions of the country.

### The Story of Rama and Sita:

In the north, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and the surrounding areas, Diwali is the day when King Rama's coronation was celebrated in Ayodhya after his epic war with Ravana, the demon king of Lanka. Lord Rama was a great warrior King who was exiled by his father Dashratha, the King of Ayodhya, along with his wife Sita and his younger brother Lakshman, on his wife's insistence. Lord Rama returned to his Kingdom Ayodhya after 14 years of exile, in which he put an end to the demon Ravana of Lanka, who was a great Pundit, highly learned but still evil dominated his mind. After this victory of Good over Evil, Rama returned to Ayodhya. In Ayodhya, the people welcomed them by lighting rows of clay lamps. So, it is an occasion in honor of Rama's victory over Ravana; of Truth's victory over Evil.

### Govardhan Pooja & Annakut Mahotsav Celebration

**Sunday November 22, 2015 10:30am to 1:00pm** 



### **Program:**

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM : Govardhan Pooja and Abhishek

11:00 AM: Annakut Darshan Opens

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Annakut Pooja and Darshan

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM: Bhajans, Kirtans

1:00 PM to 1:30 PM: Yamunaji Aarti, Aarti, Shri Girirajaji Parikrama.

**FOLLOWED BY MAHA PRASHAD** 

For More details Contact:Temple 513-528-3714, Sangita Patel 791-0855 Event is sponsored by- Shrinathji devotees.

#### Krishan Janmashtami 2015



LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM Plus LIVE—Internet Streaming on <a href="https://www.WAIF883.0rg">www.WAIF883.0rg</a>:

Every Saturday from 12 Noon to 3 PM 'Bollywood Music and Masala' & Every Sunday from 11 AM to 2 PM Swaranjali



## Kantha Shasti Poosai Celebration



Thurs . Nov 12th Friday. Nov 13th Sat. . Nov 14th Sun. Oct.15th Mon. Oct.16th Tues. Oct.17th Sat. Nov.21st First day Third day Fourth day Fifth day Sixth day

Kalasha Sthapanam Second day Utsava Moorthy Poosai Murgan Abhishekam Utsava Moorthy Poosai Utsava Moorthy Poosai Utsava Moorthy Poosai Murugan Thiru Kalyana Utsavam

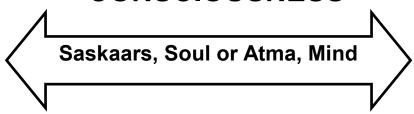
10.30am -11:30am 6.00pm-7.00pm 4.00pm-7.00pm 6.00pm-7.30pm 6.00pm-7.00pm 6.00pm-7.00pm

4.30pm-6.30pm

Abhishekam / Kalyanam Sponsorship \$101, Archana \$ 21. All event Sponsorship \$351.00

For more details or to sponsor puja please call Sangita Patel 791-0855, Murali 5827-5450, Yashotha 754-0578 Temple/Srinath Bhattar 528-3714.

### **CONSCIOUSNESS**



### (AS EXPLAINED IN VEDANTA) SANSKAARS

THERE IS NO ENGLISH WORD TO DESCRIBE SANSKAARS, BECAUSE IT IS UNIQUE TO HINDU CULTURE. EVIL NATURE IS NOT PART OF SANSKAARS. SANSKAAR CAN BE EXPLAINED BY FOLLOWING TRAITS

CULTURE - UPBRINGING - FAMILY - ATTITUDE - GOOD BEHAVIOUR - GOOD MANNERS - HUMBLENESS - CHARITY - PIOUSNESS AND DIVINITY

AND SANSKAARS FROM PREVIOUS BIRTHS

#### **SOUL OR ATMA**

SOUL BY DEFINITION IS DIVINE, HENCE STAINLESS TO EVIL IT IS ONLY A WITNESS. IT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRESENT LIFE OR TIME IT CARRIES SANSKAARS, DIVINE KNOWLEDGE, MAJOR EVENTS OF PRESNT LIFE TO NEXT LIFE. THAT'S HOW SOME PEOPLE REMEMBER THEIR PREVIOUS BIRTHS, BUT ONLY THOSE MAJOR EVENTS WHICH CAUSED A MAJOR IMPACT ON THEIR MIND.

#### MIND

MIND HAS TWO PARTS, EMOTIONAL & LOGICAL LOGICAL MIND IS NOT PART OF CONSCIOUSNESS MIND MAKES LOGICAL DECISIONS ACCORDING TO OUR PHYSICAL NEEDS IN THIS MANIFESTED LIFE ON THIS PLANET

EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES, DIVINE KNOWLEDGE OF MIND BECOMES PART OF EVER EXPANDING NATURE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Ever growing nature of consciousness is the cause of evolution. Single cells become multi cells organisms, multi cells become plants or insects, insects become animals and humans evolved from animals. This is what is referred in vedant as 84 crore evolutions to become humans. Everything has consciousness, it may be small or large, less or more refined. Even a rock obeys laws of nature, which are part of consciousness. When consciousness becomes so large and refined, that a physical body is unable to contain it, evolution begins. In humans that stage is referred by different names by different religions. In vedant, its called Samadhi, in budhism, its enlightenment, in Christianity it is called salvation. At this stage human body cannot be evolved any further, so the body becomes insignificant. There is no feeling of pain or desire for happiness, no wishes or attachment, no effect of karmas. Every human being will achieve this stage eventually. Though It might take several births. A human will never be born as an animal, because consciousness is never lost or diminished. Consciousness is part of unmanifested universe. Hence any instrument of manifested universe cannot harm or destroy it (Gita). It eventually joins supreme consciousness, this is moksha, and when supreme consciousness becomes so large, manifested universe is created again. This divine cosmic energy of supreme consciousness transforms into matter, the five elements (Panch Bhutah) of manifested universe. Hence the cycle of evolution begins again.

-BY PRAMOD VARMA

### Lord Dhanwantari Puja (God of Medicine) Nov 8th, Sunday



Program- 8th Nov. Sunday: 4:00pm Dhanvantari Puja, Havan - Aarati - Dinner Prasad

Sponsorship- Pramukh Yajaman \$251, Abhishek \$51, Havan \$51

For Details Please Call- Temple: 513-528-3714; Sangita Patel 513-791-0855; Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Acharya Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986 Dr. Ganesh Yadlapalli 857-719-1500.

Dhanwantari is a form of Vishnu. He is depicted with four hands, holding medical herbs in one hand and a pot containing rejuvenating nectar called Amrit in another hand. His birthday is celebrated two days prior to Diwali. In Hindu mythology according to Vishnu Purana, the Sage Durvasa had a special garland. Durvasa wore it on his forehead and wandering around. He came across lord **Indra** and offered him the special garland. Indra hanged the garland over his elephant Airavata's brow. Airavata took the garland and dropped it down on land. Watching this gesture of Indra, Durvasa got angry and cursed Indra that he would lose all his powers and position. Indra begged for forgiveness but Duravasa refused and went way. Indra and Devas lost their strength. Seizing the opportunity, the Danavas (enemies of Devas) led by king Bali engaged in war with Devas. Devas were defeated and lost control of the universe. Lord Indra and other gods fled and took refuge with Brahma. The Brahma advised them to seek refuge with Vishnu. Lord Vishnu advised Devas to make a peace with Danavas and jointly churn the sea of milk for the nectar of immortality (Amrit). Danvas agreed to churn the ocean for Amrit, so that they can also become immortal. The churning of the ocean of milk was initiated with mount Meru as the churning rod and the king of serpents (Vasuki) as the churning rope. As advised by Lord Krishna, Devas were at the tail and Danavas were at the head end of Vasuki. The process of churning was started. Once the mountain was placed on the ocean, it began to sink. Lord Vishnu took his second incarnation, the Kurma avatar to support the mountain on His back. The churning process continued. Halahal was released and it was consumed by Lord Shiva to protect the universe. And Goddess Parvati pressed her hand on Shiva's throat to keep the halahal in the neck. As the process of churning continued, several things came out of the ocean of milk. Lord Dhanwantari appeared with pot containing the Amrit. Then Goddess Laxmi was born. The Danavas snatched the pot of Amrith and ran away. Then Lord Vishnu took the form of Mohini to distract the Danavas. Mohini got hold of the pot of Amrith and distributed it to the Devas. The rejuvenated Devas defeated asuras and regained the control on the universe. The lord of medicine, Dhanwanthari protected Devas and universes.

Source: https://krishnavashistha.wordpress.com/tag/danavas/ and Wikipedia



## Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati



PRESENTS

### NAVRATRI CELEBRATION 2015

BEING HELD AT THE CINCINNATI MALL

600 Cincinnati Mills Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240
Oct. 16 & 17 / Oct. 23 & 24 (7:30pm - 1:00am)

Contacts: Jitu Patel: 513-836-0606 | Arvind Patel: 513-791-0855 | Jyoti Desai: 513-885-1318 Hindu Temple: 513-528-3714 | Kush karamchandani: 513-259-4016 | Raj Bodalia: 513-504-6328



featuring

### 🎝 Panorama Entertainment

featuring

#### TICKETS: ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HINDU TEMPLE

Minimum Donation: \$15/Day | One Weekend Pass: \$24 | Children 5 and under are FREE

Sponsorship: \$101 (2 passes one weekend) or \$251 (2 passes/both weekends)

### FOR THE REMAINING NAVRATRI NIGHTS AT THE HINDU TEMPLE WITH GROUP

Dates: October 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm Tickets: NO CHARGE







TAXES ACCOUNTING BUSINESS ADVISORY

. Individuals . Financial Statements

. Corporate/Partnerships . Bookkeeping Services

. Trusts/Estates/Gift . Payroll processing

. FBAR/FATCA

. New business Consulting

. Assist in Securing Loans

.Cash Flow Analysis

4735 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241 (Conveniently located in Blue Ash near I-275)

(513) 791-6288

www.tristateaccounting.com

Please call for all your foreign accounts, assets and income reporting needs and be in compliance with IRS



### Traditional South Indian Cuisine

# NOW OPEN

12082B Montgomery Rd Cincinnati, OH 45249 PH: 513 781 3396

(Intersection of Fields Ertel/Montgomery)

Hours: Tue to Thu: 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM Fri: 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM Sat: 11:00 to 10:00

Sun: 11:00 to 3:00

For Daily and Catering Menu: http://www.ruchimess.com

# SHARMA & CO.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
4030 MT. CARMEL TOBASCO ROAD, SUITE #117
CINCINNATI OHIO 45255

### We provide the following services:

 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  Accounting

 $\Rightarrow$  Payroll taxes

⇒ ⇒ Business tax Returns

 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  Individual tax Returns

 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  Electronic Filing

 $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  Business Acquisition

⇒ ⇒ Loans: Business or

Residential

 $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  IRS or State Audits Financial

Consultations

# FOR A NO OBLIGATION - FREE CONSULTATION CALL: (513) 528-1040

\*Member - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

\*Member - Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants

### **Beechmont Dental**

Dr.Patel, Inc.

A Place for Comprehensive, quality, Affordable, family dental services

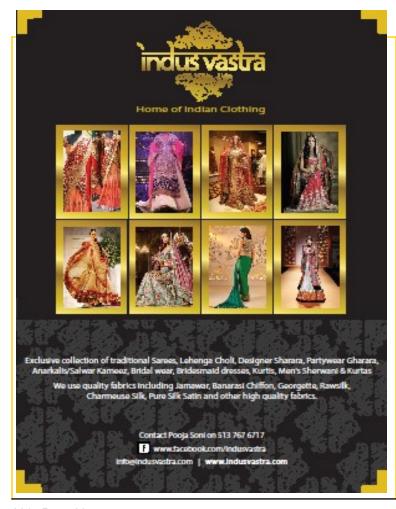


# DR.GAURANG PATEL DMD 513-954-0361

7801 Beechmont Ave ,Ste 5

Cincinnati, OH - 45255

Visit us www.beechmontdental.com





Nikki Singh Shah, Agent 533 Loveland Madeira Rd Loveland, OH 45140 Bus: 513-683-7755 nikki@nikkishah.com

#### We're all in this together.

State Farm® has a long tradition of being there. That's one reason why I'm proud to support The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati.

Get to a better State®.



1211007

State Farm, Bloomington, IL

# Poonam Bhardwaj



Serving Greater Cincinnati's Real Estate Needs!

513-225-3666

Poonamhbhardwaj@gmail.com



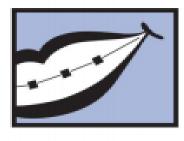




Aradhana is Published Monthly and Circulated to approximately 2000 Families

Advertising Rates/month: Full Page-\$300: Half Page-\$150, Quarter Page-\$100, & 1/8th page-\$50

A 10% discount is given for 12 consecutive repetetions of the same ad. Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC) is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of a large community. The views expressed by individual authors in Aradhana are their own and may not reflect the policies of HSGC.



### CASSINELLI and SHANKER

Specialists in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Diplomates American Board of Orthodontics

> West Chester Location 7242 Tylers Corner Drive West Chester, Ohio 45069 513-777-7060

### CREATING BEAUTIFUL SMILES EVERY DAY

### Orthodontics for adults And children

- Board certified orthodontists
- State of the art digital x-rays and diagnostic software
- Flexible payment plans
- Invisalign certified
- Offering traditional, ceramic and Wild Smiles brackets

Cincinnati Location 9505 Montgomery Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 513-777-7060

Visit <u>www.westchesterorthodontics.com</u> for more information. Face book.com/westchesterorthodontics

#### PERSONALIZED DENTISTRY FOR ALL AGES



# DAS FAMILY DENTISTRY

Ashok Das DDS

**General Dentist** 

(513)770- 4060

770 Reading Rd, Mason, OH 45040
(Between Western Row and
Tylersville Road)
New Patients always welcome
Saturday Appointments Available

Drs. Anthony & Mona Rinaldi were named as "**Top Dentists**" in Orthodontics in the Cincinnati Magazine

Changing lives, one smile at a time





- Orthodontic Specialists
- Children and Adults
- Complimentary Consultation
- · State-of-the-Art Offices
- High-Tech Braces
- Invisalign Providers
- · Early Care/Growth Guidance
- Convenient Office Hours
- Flexible Payment Options

#### Now with two locations to serve you:

Mona R. Rinaldi, DDS, MS Mason (in Greenbrier Condos) 6406 Thornberry Court, Suite 210 513-234-7890 Anthony L. Rinaldi, DDS, MS Milford (next to Dairy Queen) 5987 Meijer Drive 513-831-6160

www.rinaldiorthodontics.com



### SRI TAX & FINANCIAL SERVICES

JAGDISH KARANDE, CPA, MBA
"PEOPLE NEED SOMEONE THEY CAN TRUST
TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO"

- TAX PREPARATION, ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL SERVICES, TAX CONSULTATION, LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE.
- 2. NEW BUSINESS SET-UP & BUSINESS CONSULTATION.
- COMMUNICATION WITH THE TAXING AUTHORITIES TO POSSIBLY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE BALANCE DUE ON NOTICES RECEIVED.

CALL JAGDISH AT 793-7526 (793-PLAN) FOR CONSULTATION





Brokering Fine Homes Since 1946



Priya Sangtani Executive Sales Vice President OAR President's Sales Club 2007 7870 E. Kemper Road, Suite 100 Cincinnati, OH 45249

(513) 460-9969 Direct Office (513) 489-2100 Fax (513) 297-7412 psangtani@comey.com Email

MLS.

⇧

comey.com

Vinod (Vinnie) Dhamija REALTOR\* B MES Stellar Real Estate 6011 Tylersville Rd Suite 3 Mason, OH 45040 Cell (513) 488-9529 Office (513) 779-9999 Fax (513) 455-3287 vinniesells21@gmail.com www.C21STELLAR.com S Independently Owned And Operated

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-SAFE (7223) www.ndvh.org Ohio Domestic Violence 24 hour

toll free: 1-216-823-7223

Ohio Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-618-6523

Project HOPE helpline: 513-535-4976 **Domestic Violence** 

Locally, Call Geeta Mehan: 513-754-0400 YOU ARE NOT ALONE





### WEST SHELL

Call/Text: 513-608-1199 Email: rakesh@rakeshram.com

# Aradhana (513) 528-3714 Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati 4920 Klatte Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45244 Return Service Requested



PRSRT STD US Postage PAI D Permit #6398 Cincinnati, Ohio

Postman Please Deliver Between October 25 and October 28

**Directions to Hindu Temple** From I-275 take Exit 63A (32West) - drive approximately 1/4 mile - turn right onto OLD 74 - turn left at the first Traffic light onto Summerside Road. After approximately one mile turn right onto Klatte Road. Temple is at the end of Klatte Road. From UC: Take E McMillan to Columbia Pkwy to Beechmont Ave to Route 32 East (to Batavia). Turn left on Old SR - 74. Follow instructions above from Summerside to Klatte Rd. (Phone No. for the Temple – 528-3714)

# Healthy Smiles Dental Gare

### A path to a beautiful smile and wellness



Dr. Sulbha Midha
Healthy Smiles & Dental center
666 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040
513-339-1032
healthysmiles3@gmail.com

www.healthysmilemason.com

Call us for your dental Needs!

